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The Richlands' Board of Alderman met for an Emergency Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the Richlands Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve any contracts and needs related to Hurricane Irene and storm debris management.

Present were:

McKinley Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tom Brown, Alderman  
Hans Jacobsen, Alderman  
Paul Conner, Alderman  
Fran Pierce, Alderman

Also present were:

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator  
Keith Fountain, Town Attorney  
Trevor Normille, reporter for the Advertiser News  
Tom Robinson, Crowder Gulf  
Doreen Putney, Town Clerk  
Aniesa Holmes, reporter for the Daily News  
Simon Carlyle, Project Manager, Beck

There were no citizens present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem McKinley Smith at 4:05 pm.

**HURRICANE IRENE CONTRACTS, STORM DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED NEEDS:**

**Storm Debris Management:**

Mayor Pro Tem McKinley Smith opened the meeting to discuss business relating to Hurricane Irene. Gregg Whitehead reported that there has not been a declaration of Category A made by the State yet. If they do not declare a Category A, we will not get reimbursement from FEMA. The estimated cost of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of debris is \$125,000. Mr. Whitehead stated that we can either proceed with the debris removal on our own, cashing out our CD to pay expenses or wait to see if the state makes the declaration. There is a FEMA meeting Wednesday morning where we can sign paperwork for reimbursement if the state makes the declaration.

Mr. Robinson stated that Crowder Gulf is set up and ready to go when given the OK. They would begin picking up debris next week. About 10 days later make a second pass, then 10 days later again. Residents will have approximately three weeks total to get everything done, then there will be one final pass.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Fran Pierce, seconded by Alderman Paul Conner to give Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, the authority to proceed with contracts for debris removal that would be in the best interest of the town. The motion was unanimously carried.

**DOT Roads (Wilmington, Hargett & Franck):**

A discussion was made regarding streets owned by DOT (Wilmington, Hargett & Franck). Mr. Whitehead stated that DOT will take a long time to clean up these streets because they are in a small town and are considered secondary. We could request DOT to release these secondary roads to the town. We would need to get the release from DOT to clean up the streets and get reimbursement from FEMA, again, that is if the State declares a Category A.

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Fran Pierce to give Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, authority to contact DOT and request a release of the secondary DOT roads in the Town to the Town of Richlands for debris removal.

**Hurricane Irene's Damage to Richlands Elementary School:**

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, presented to the Board a request from Onslow County School to place (5) temporary modular classrooms at Richlands Elementary School. The school received extensive damage to six classrooms, the cafeteria and other areas on campus. The temporary modular classrooms could be installed within three weeks and will provide sufficient space for students and teachers while repairs are being made to the facility.

Gregg Whitehead reported that no motion is needed in this case. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the board to instruct Mr. Whitehead to notify Onslow County Schools to allow the requested five modular classrooms for six months with a six month extension if needed.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Hans Jacobsen, seconded by Alderman Fran Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor Pro Tem McKinley Smith

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Doreen Putney, Town Clerk